GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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INSTALLATION OF BTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to shortage of BTS a number of persons who have registered themselves for Excel pre-paid mobile connection are waiting for connection;

(b) if so, the number of persons waiting for connection in Bihar as on date;

(c) the time by which these persons are likely to get their mobile connection; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to install the required number of BTS in the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Dr. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of persons waiting for Excel (pre-paid) mobile connections in Bihar as on 31-10-2004 is 138753.

(c) & (d): Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has placed purchase order for expansion of cellular network capacity by 455000 lines in Bihar which envisages installation of around 500 additional BTSs along with the required associated switching equipment. The Network Capacity is likely to be made available progressively during 2005. Accordingly, all the waitlisted persons will get mobile connections progressively during 2005.